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# DECLARATION OF PHYLLIS KELLY

Dear Sir:

#### I, PHYLLIS KELLY, declare as follows:

- 1. I am currently employed as Manager, U.S. Patent and Trademark Administration by the firm of Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz & Mentlik, LLP and I have been employed by the firm for the past 25 years.
- 2. Over the last 20 years, I have been in charge of the review and filing of applications for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO").
- 3. As the Manager, I have reviewed over four thousand patent applications for filing in the PTO and I am fully aware of the importance of filing a complete specification in order to obtain a filing date.
- 4. On December 3, 2001, the above-identified non-provisional application was placed in my office by Ms. Sharon McGee for my review, prior to mailing to the PTO.
- 5. In accordance with my normal procedure, I reviewed the entire application to verify that all pages of the applications were present and that the application was complete.

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6. Upon completion of this review and determination that the specification included all pages, including pages 1 and 2, and that the transmittal form accompanying the application was correct, I handed the sealed envelope containing the application to an office clerk for hand delivery to the Westfield Post Office.

7. That I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that any such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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# DECLARATION OF SHARON MCGEE

Dear Sir:

- I, SHARON MCGEE, declare as follows:
- I am employed by the firm of Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz & Mentlik, LLP as a secretary to Raymond W. Augustin. I have held this position for two and a half years.
- 2. On December 3, 2001, I processed the above-identified patent application on the firm's word processing system and printed out the entire original document, including the Utility Patent Transmittal and the Fee Transmittal. There were a total of eleven (11) pages of the specification and claims. I then placed all of the papers in proper order, including the postcard, together and obtained the signature of Raymond W. Augustin.
- 3. I then made two copies of the original specification, Utility Patent Transmittal, Fee Transmittal, one for the client and one for the file and a copy of the postcard. I then brought the entire original copy to Phyllis Kelly, Manager of U.S. Patent and Trademark Administration, for her to review and to log into the firm's record. I filed the second copy of the original specification in the file.
- 4. That I hereby certify that the file copy attached to this submission is a true copy of the original specification and claims provided to Phyllis Kelly

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5. That I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that any such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Dated: February 27, 2002

Sharon McGee

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